GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Elephant Corridor
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Elephant Sanctuaries/ Elephant Corridor/Roaming areas in the country and the measures taken by the Government to ensure a safe passage in these areas, State-wise;
(b) whether there is an increase in the incidents of heavy destruction of crops and houses and trampling/crushing/injuring of the people by the elephants in some areas in the country;
(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
(d) whether the Government proposes to create new elephant corridors/roaming areas/ sanctuaries in the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of these projects, State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) State-wise details of 'Elephant Reserves' and 'Elephant Corridors' in the country are given in Annexure-I. Measures taken to ensure safe passage of elephants in these areas are given below:
(i) Financial and technical assistance is provided to 16 elephant range states under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Elephant'.
(ii) Regular and extensive patrolling of forest areas and anti poaching measures by frontline filed staff of the State Forest Department.
(iii) Trainings and awareness camps are organised regularly for local people for conservation of elephants and other wildlife.
(iv) Habitat improvement and eco-restoration is taken up in critical areas of elephant reserves and corridors.
(b) & (c) A definite increasing trend in incidents of destruction of crops/properties and injury/death of people could not be established. State-wise details of damages, due to elephant depredation, during last 3 years, are given in Annexure II.
(d) & (e) There is no proposal, at present, to create new elephant reserves and corridors in the country.

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